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SACRAMENTO'S NEWS MAGAZINE FOR THE GAY COMMUNITY AND ITS FRIENDS

## Bashers Murder 24 Year-Old Gay Man



Mayor Rudin attended the memorial service for Vincent Blades.

by Garret Madderra

**T**he Sacramento gay community was stricken with shock and disbelief by news of the violent stabbing death of a young gay man near 20th and K Streets on Thursday, March 7.

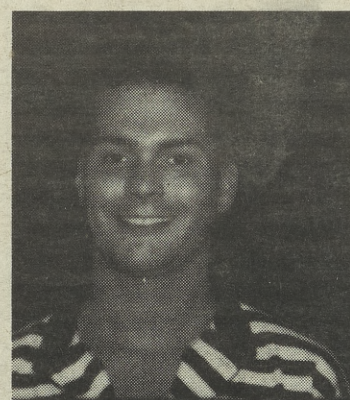
Vincent J. Blades, 24, of Sacramento was pronounced dead shortly after being taken to U.C. Davis Medical Center for extensive chest wounds resulting from the incident.

Two days of intense police investigation led to the arrest

of three suspects -- Fred Roybal, 32, of Antioch, and William Gelling, 20, and Kasi Fellows, 18, both from Butte, Montana. The three were arrested after a security guard at the Greyhound Bus Station on L Street recognized them

from police composite drawings which had been widely distributed in downtown Sacramento.

According to Sgt. Mitchell of the Sacramento Police Department, Donald Algers, 22, and Blades were talking in a parking lot on the east side of 20th Street when the three assailants, two men and a woman, approached, heading north on the opposite side of the street. Blades became incensed at the derogatory anti-gay remarks of the three



Vincent Blades.

and began to run angrily toward them. The three heck-

lers then took off running into a dark parking lot behind an empty business. It is alleged that once out of sight, Roybal responded by pulling out a knife and stabbing Blades in the chest. The three attackers then fled the scene.

A second and slightly varied account of the incident was given by Pete Lakos, an employee of Faces who was working at the door that night. Shortly after 10:30 a man outside "...opened the

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## AB101 Moves Forward

by Stacy Selmants

**D**espite a room full of fundamentalist foes trucked in for the occasion, Assembly Bill 101-- the gay rights bill-- on March 13 received the votes necessary to move it out of its first committee.

After nearly two hours of often irrational testimony, the bill passed 6-3 out of the Assembly

Labor and Employment Committee, chaired by the bill's author, Terry Friedman (D-Los Angeles). It will later be heard by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee before it is brought to a vote on the Assembly floor.

Proponents of the bill, including staff from the Lobby for Freedom and Equality (LIFE) spent months locking in support from a coalition of groups, which included such "mainstream" groups as the California Teachers Association, the California Nurses Association, the AFL-CIO and from other trade/labor organizations. Testimony in support of the bill also was provided by several representatives from the California Council of Churches, by the California Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission, the American Civil Liberties Union,



Terry Friedman and Rand Martin.

by Mayor Art Agnos and the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco, and a representative of the Center for Urban Black Studies.

LIFE's Executive Director, Laurie McBride, stressed that teamwork was the crucial determinant in lining up the necessary votes. "We received support from every quarter. Every time we encountered problems we would go back to the table, and the same people were always there for us."

Lou Sheldon, high priest of the Traditional Values Coalition,

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## Rev. Smith Recognized by City

by Kate Moore

**R**everend Freda Smith, senior pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church and long time gay rights activist is being recognized for her courage at the 1991 Women in History Awards Celebration.

The Women in History Awards are an immense honor bestowed only upon women who have added to the quality, and character of life in our city. The ceremony March 25

will mark the third year that the Sacramento History Museum has presented these awards.

Smith is to be recognized for her "Courage" for standing



Rev. Freda Smith.

for what she believes, in the face of great opposition.

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# !!! really I MUST SAY!

## We Must Take Control

The gay community is in an uproar about the tragic murder of Vincent Blades. In our anger and pain we try to make sense of the senseless by focusing our thoughts on who is to blame. The police department, the bar owners, the media, bigots, gays themselves, the straight community, someone must be at fault, we reason. Such finger-pointing, although comforting in a sense, distracts attention from those who can truly make a difference--each and every one of us.

We must begin to take responsibility for our own safety. To protest that "there is nothing I can do" is to ignore the large difference that small changes can make:

- Carry a whistle
- Join the Lavendar Angels (Lambda Center)
- Take a self-defense class
- Walk a friend to his/her car
- Don't walk alone after dark
- Lock your car doors
- Remain aware of your surroundings

Although such simple precautions seem minuscule in the face of overwhelming violence, they are tactics proven to work, tactics which provide a way for each of us to take control of our own safety and consequently of the security of the entire gay community. 

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## KWOD's DJs Act Like Jerks Again

Editor,

I do not like the comments made on the morning show of KWOD (106FM) by the DJs Axel Marley and Pat Still.

They repeatedly take cuts at another DJ Chris Collins, from FM 102. For example (a female voice), "And this is about what Chris Collins says to his roly-poly newsmen. . ." (cut to song by Aretha Franklin, "You make me feel like a natural woman.")

I called the station and asked what reasons they had for doing this. Their reasoning for the cuts was that Chris Collins was a "jerk," and "asshole," referring to an incident at Arco Arena, where Collins was in a huff about giving his autograph.

I believe that they (KWOD 106 DJs) are demeaning themselves with their homophobic attitudes and using these attitudes as a put-down toward Chris Collins, not knowing Mr. Collins' sexual orientation, and I cannot see what this has to do with the incident at Arco Arena. If they are inferring that Collins is a snob to his fans, what are they doing to theirs?

D. Kaahue

## A Safe Environment for Entertainment

An Open Letter to the Community,

I cannot express the depth of my sorrow at the murder of Vincent Blades. It is sobering that even the intensive security in place at Faces -- at least two security guards on duty every night, three or more on weekends -- was unable to prevent this tragedy in the vicinity of the bar, in the parking lot behind the Lambda Center.

In a redoubled effort to assure the safety of our clientele, I have asked my security personnel to wear their uniforms at all times while on duty in order to discourage problems in the area. We will allow no loitering outside the bar and ask that you help us in enforcing this policy.

Further, if you are leaving alone or feel the need, please ask the security to walk you to your car and wait until you drive away.

I am dedicated to providing a safe environment for your entertainment and remain open to any further suggestions from the community.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation for

my employee, Pete, who made a valiant effort to save Vinnie's life by administering C.P.R.  
May God Keep Vinnie,  
Terry Sidie  
Faces Owner

## In Fact, the SLA is For Everyone

Editor,

I deeply regret responding to the letter that Earl Grist submitted. As the first secretary of the Sacramento Leather Association (SLA), I found the letter informative, amusing, and not factual.

First, Chuck Novak and Jo Tierney are the co-founders of the SLA. They are the ones that had an idea of a leather association and put that idea to work. They found a place and time for the original meeting and sent out notices. In fact, I was the one who informed Earl Grist and George Hollcraft of that meeting. In fact, there were 12 people at that first meeting.

Second, Earl states that Chuck and Jo have not been involved with the group since the fifth month. If Earl had done any research, he would have found the reason why Chuck and Joe have not been involved. Chuck had a demanding job and then health problems occurred. Jo had school, work, and duties to perform as Ms. Leather Sacramento. On several occasions, I informed Earl about the problems occurring with Chuck. Did anyone question Earl when he had to go out of town and work and not make it to the meetings. I think not!

Third, I think Earl is the one who does not have the SLA and the goals toward the

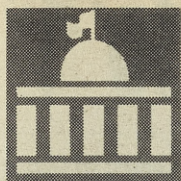
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## LETTERS!

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# AROUND TOWN

## New Goals Set For Lambda Center's Changes

by Stacy Selmants

**A**fter several months of controversy, the Lambda Center has filled the six vacancies on its Board of Trustees, and efforts are being made to expand and improve programs serving the lesbian and gay community.

In a first-ever move to publicly coordinate the various programs and develop "consensus building," the Lambda Center's new Executive Director, Donna Yutzy, moderated a planning meeting on February 27 to develop "wish lists" with the coordinators of the 14 programs currently offered by the Center.

The names of the new Lambda

Directors were also announced: Jake Steuble, Mary Smith, Paul Martinez, Leonard Harris, Sharon Caldwell, and Gary Ryan. They will join incumbent Board members Jerry Sloan, Marghe Covino, Rob Thorbin, Willis Bennett and Sharon McDonnell, and will serve for the remainder of 1991.

The meeting was the one of



Neil Treganza and Shanon Lindauer.

the first opportunities that the various program coordinators had to interact with one another, in an effort to bring a more "holistic" approach to

long range planning for the Center. Recent accomplishments were noted, but participants all had strategies for improving service delivery, including the addition of more volunteers and interns to handle the crisis intervention and social services assistance that the staff has been providing. Staff "wish lists" included everything from upgraded computer hardware to a request for "desks with drawers."

Among the recent changes at the Center is the expansion of the Lambda Players program, which will be housed in a new theatre space in the basement of the Center, which will now accommodate 50. Eventually, according to Neil Treganza, coordinator of the Lambda Players, a 200 to 300 seat space will be sought, to create a Sacramento version of Theatre Rhin-

oceros.

Eric Stein, the new Youth Program Coordinator, also was introduced and outlined some of his goals and objectives for the next year, including continuing the successful "Under 21" and "Coming Out" discussion groups.

Long term goals discussed at the meeting also included the eventual implementation of full time volunteer coordinator, community relations and development director positions.

Some of the current programs offered by the Center include: Lambda Players, Positive Social Support Newsletter, Cafe Lambda, AIDS Outreach, Being Alive Living Room, Speakers' Bureau, Freedom From Smoking Clinic, Women's Rap Group, Youth Group and Performing Artists for AIDS Related Charities.

## Rapists Arrested in Fresno Murder

**T**he assailants who raped a 34 year-old Sacramento woman on February 10 have been arrested in connection with a murder case in the Fresno area.

Shortly after the violent rape and assault of Sue (not her real name) her car was found with clear fingerprints of two men.

A week later, the same two men kidnapped a married couple who were sexually assaulted, beaten, robbed and ultimately forced to solicit other victims for prostitution and robbery.

On February 19, a 30-year-old Fresno man, Victor Gonzalez, was beaten to death and left in a field north of Fresno when he resisted the robbery attempt by the two men.

Two Vallejo men have been arrested in connection with the murder, rape, kidnapping and robberies. Suspects Jerry Leonard Franklin, 23, and Dexter Winfred Williams, 29, will be arraigned in Fresno on April 22 for the various charges, including murder, rape and false imprisonment. Bail for Franklin and Williams was set at \$310,000 each. In this unusual case, the special

circumstances involved allow the prosecuting district attorney to seek the death penalty or life imprisonment if the murder charges are proven.

In addition, a third suspect, Michael Beckman, 21 of Fresno, was arrested for assisting Franklin and Williams with the robberies of at least three, and as many as eight gay men. Beckman's role was to solicit men for sex, and those men were robbed.

The Sacramento victim, has managed to talk to people about her ordeal. "I am so relieved that they caught them; it makes my fear a little less when I go out now." Her injuries are still very visible. "Most people don't think this could happen to them," she went on to say. "If you don't want to be careful, think of what you're getting hurt will do to your friends. I didn't think mine were going to make it through it." "We need to continue to watch out for each other."

## Using Computers to Connect



Robert Bequette and Will Bennett are the Acropolis sysops.

by Tom Romanotto

**A**ll you need is a computer, a modem, a communications program, and a phone line, to connect with hundreds of gay men and lesbians on the gay computer boards, officially known as the BBS (bulletin board service).

Will Bennett and Robert Bequette met on an adult BBS over five years ago. They have been in a committed

relationship ever since. When they got together, they discussed the fact that there were no gay BBSs in Sacramento and decided to start one of their own. Will bought the equipment and Robert wrote the program, and they became the Sysops (system operators) of Sacramento's first gay BBS, Acropolis.

They started with one phone line; they now have four lines, and there are now two other gay boards in Sacramento, each with four very busy lines of their own.

During a recent conversation with Will he commented that "This is a great thing for many people. It is a good vehicle for a lot of people to come out. A lot of people just don't want to go to bars or feel they cannot, and they have this network of other people they can connect with. There is also a lot of support here for those who are HIV+." He said he knows of people who were so isolated that they were suicidal and the boards saved their lives. It is a great way to make new

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# 1991 Sacramento AIDS Walk Planned for June 1

by Michael Sestak

**T**he stage is set for what is expected to be the largest AIDS fundraising event in Sacramento history. On June 1, Capitol Park will be the site for AIDS Walk Sacramento.

Sue Patterson, AIDS Walk chair, explains, "The goal of AIDS Walk is to raise \$300,000 to benefit local AIDS care providers including the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, CARES, and others." One of the primary goals of this event is to increase the financial support of the entire Sacramento area while at the same

time expanding public awareness of the dramatic dimensions of the crisis.

AIDS Walk is also designed to educate the public with accurate up-to-date information. Currently, the gay community has the largest percentage of AIDS cases but that trend is changing rapidly. National statistics show that

the heterosexual population is now being effected at an alarming rate. For example, 32 percent of all People With AIDS (PWAs) are men and women between 20 and 29 years of age. Surprisingly, Sacramento has the highest ratio of these cases. Assuming the incubation period for AIDS is 10 years, this group of men and women were exposed to AIDS while in their teens. Clearly, this illustrates the need for increased educational efforts with particular emphasis on today's youth.

The organizers of AIDS Walk Sacramento were particularly delighted to be chosen as this year's recipient of the respected Sacramento Ad Club's annual award for advertising. This award gives full services of an ad agency, which includes designing logos, press releases, public service announcements, billboards, posters, stationery, etc. D.B.B. Needham, the agency providing these services,

Susan Patterson and Steven Grow are the organizers of the 1991 Sacramento AIDS Walk.

is dedicated to getting the word out to the Sacramento area.

The ad theme for the 1991 AIDS Walk is "Sacramento, it's time to put your foot down!" says Stephen Grow, Walk Director. The Walk will begin at 10:00am on Saturday, June 1, with registration at 8:00am. Following the walk will be a rally on Capitol Park to include

local entertainment, food, booths and speeches by community leaders and elected officials. The day promises to be upbeat, fun and exciting while donating time and money to AIDS.

To get sponsor sheets and more information, call the Sacramento AIDS Walk at 552-6367 or go by the office at 100 22nd Street.



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## Gays/Lesblans Learn to Fight Back

**G**ay bashing is an issue all of the community needs to be conscious of.

Gay men and women are being beaten, maimed and killed in our community and it

is time to learn to fight back.

A seminar by Chris Burns "You and Self Defense" will be held Tuesday, March 26, at the Elgin Hall Auditorium in McKinley Park from 8:00 to 10:00pm.

In Sacramento, as well as throughout the country, bashing and hate crimes are in-

creasing at an alarming rate. The police departments are strained to the limits and can only assist and make reports after the fact. It is now time for us as proud gay men and women to create our own Stopbait. We need to stand up and fight back and defend ourselves. Continued on page 10

## NEWSBITS-NEWSBITS-NEWSBITS

### Date for CAPPAC Dinner Announced

**T**he California Capital Political Action Committee (CAPPAC) has announced the date for its third annual dinner. The inspirational fundraising gala will take place on June 8, starting at 7pm at the Sacramento Community Convention Center Exhibition Hall.

According to Carolyn Langenkamp, CAPPAC co-chairperson, attendance at the gala event has increased dramatically from year to year reflecting the growing popularity of the dinner. "The previous years' events have been tremendously successful," says Langenkamp, "so, this year, we

looked for a venue that could accommodate even more people than last year." The 1991 event will move from the Convention Center's Metropolitan Room to the larger Exhibition Hall. CAPPAC is Sacramento's bipartisan, lesbian and gay political action committee. The organization supports the election of politicians who support gay issues. For ticket information, please call Ted Ross at 739-8020.

### Legislative Hotline

**T**he Lambda Letters Project announced today that it will establish a Legislative Hotline

telephone service effective March 22, 1991. Persons wishing information about current legislation relating to women's rights, lesbian and gay rights, and AIDS may obtain this information by calling the Hotline at (916) 394-3103. Callers will be encouraged to call their legislators, or other public officials about this legislation.

Anyone interested in obtaining the names, addresses and telephone numbers of their legislators may do so by sending a request, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Lambda Letters Project, 6813 Silverton Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Anyone seeking additional information may call Boyce Hinman at (916) 965-6851.



# Victim or Vigilante?

by Kate Moore

**A**lison Gude, a volunteer escort with the Sacramento Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights (SACORR) pled not guilty on March 5 to charges of assault and battery against Joseph Farah, the editor of the *Sacramento Union*.

The alleged assault occurred August 18, 1990 as Gude and other SACORR members were escorting clients into the Pregnancy Consultation Center on Alhambra Blvd. According to Gude, Farah grabbed hold of her and refused to release her. After repeatedly requesting that he remove his hands from her body, she "punched him in the chest to let him know, I meant let go of me." When he refused to let go, she tried to hit his shoulder but, "hit his face." Gude comments "It is ludicrous that I was arrested for defending myself against a physical attack by this man" she said, "this incident shows the real kinds of danger we and the clients continuously face when these fanatical people try to press their views onto others."

The Operation Rescue demonstrators apparently had been video taping their disturbance and claim to have taped the incident that threatens to put Gude in jail. "They (O.R. camera people) were across the street at the time" said Gude, "the only angle on it they would have had would have been drastically distorted."

Farah's statement in the police report asserts that Gude



Alison Gude.

and other escorts sat along side a female "anti-abortion demonstrator" and were "sort of mauling her, molesting her, grabbing her, breasts and stuff like that." Farah continued saying "I think I said: 'stop it, stop it right now' and that's when Alison turns around and starts punching me."

Another witness, Jay Baggett claimed to have accompanied Farah to the demonstration as "observers." Baggett is quoted as saying "Joe Farah came over and tried to take and move Alison Gude, he took her arm, asked her to pull back and she turned around and started slugging."

A pre-trial hearing is slated for March 20th, at the court house at 790 9th Street, 1:30 p.m. If you would like more information on this case or would like to show support for Gude, call SACORR at (916) 763-7705 or in the Bay Area, (415) 626-5510.

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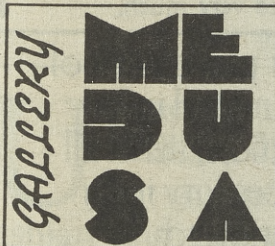
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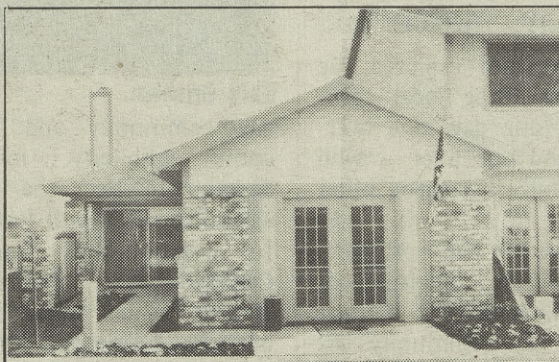
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# CSUS Hosts Laughing Women

by Launa Cornwell

**H**ave you ever noticed one of the greatest stress reducers is laughter? Plenty of laughs were to be had at "An Evening of Women's Comedy & Rhythm" at California State University Sacramento March 7.

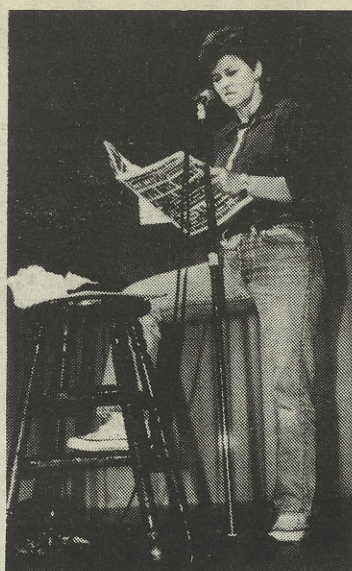
Held in conjunction with Women's Herstory Month, the event featured Bay Area comedians Karen Ripley, and Marga Gomez, and Jo Daiko, a group of women who practice "Taiko", an ancient style of Japanese drumming.

The entire week of March

4th was dedicated to remembering Women's Herstory. Remembering the contributions of women to literature, music, learning and raunchy jokes.

Karen Ripley, opened the show by saying she had made

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Karen Ripley.

Addye Cohen

## Important Seat Sought by Demos

by Stacy Selmants

**S**ince two viable Republican hopefuls are waging a turf war for voters, Democratic frontrunner Patti Mattingly may prove to be the first real chance the Democrats have of regaining the First Senate District.

The sprawling District has been represented by John Doolittle -- the conservatives' darling -- who left the State Senate to become just another face in California's Congressional delegation.

A primary reason why this race is important to both parties is that, with a Democratic win, the Democrats will have the two-thirds majority vote necessary to override vetoes. That potential for overrides is especially important when considering the looming state budget crisis, as well as the impending reapportionment battles which are likely to consume future legislative sessions.

Until recently, Assemblymember Tim Leslie was the heir apparent to the seat in an overwhelmingly conservative district, even though Leslie has been little more than a benign benchwarmer for the Republican right wing. Leslie recently received a formal endorsement from former

Governor Deukmejian, who spoke at a Republican fundraiser, and urged contributors to pony up money for Leslie's campaign.

More money is now required for Leslie to run, since he is faced with formidable opposition from El Dorado County Supervisor Bob Dorr of Placerville, an outspoken Republican moderate with a long history of public service in the Placer community. Dorr has said publicly that he was approached by Republican party regulars who attempted to dissuade him from making

the race.

Dorr's entry into the race is likely to split the Republican vote, which may indirectly benefit Mattingly, who is running a conservative race from her home base in Yreka. Other candidates in the race include GOP candidates Sherry Luman and Bob Steele, as well as Democrat Bobby Harris and Libertarian Gary Dusseljee. If one candidate receives a majority vote in the seven-way race, he or she wins outright. Otherwise, there will be a runoff between the top vote-getters in each party.

## A Different Scratch

by Sara Myers

**T**he locally produced teen magazine show "Scratch" featured a gay teenager on a program about "being different" Saturday, March 10.

The program explored the feelings of three local teenagers -- one gay, one overweight, and one poor -- who feel like outcasts among other teens.

By airing the program, Channel 10's management fulfilled an agreement it made with the gay community last year when the station pulled an earlier-produced segment on gay teens, due to complaints from advertisers. After persistent complaints from the



Gary Grisham.

gay community and unwelcome publicity in the Sacramento Bee, the station agreed to meet with local gays to discuss their concerns. Consequently, Channel 10 agreed to air the original program during the late news hour and to produce another segment including gay teens to run during the regular "Scratch" time slot, 7:00 P.M. on Saturdays.

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## VITALS

John J. Gentile

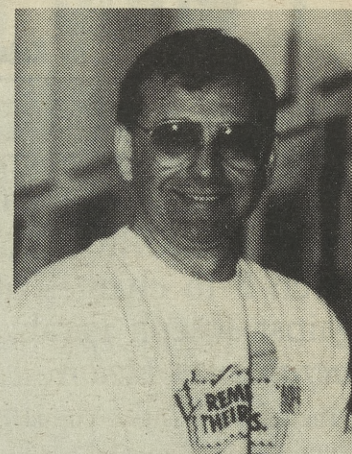
**J**ohn J. Gentile, 41, a former Sacramento resident, continued his journey of exploration Tuesday February 19, 1991, after a 10-year battle with the AIDS virus. At the time of his death, John was a patient at the Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. John was interred at Jefferson Barracks Veterans Cemetery in St. Louis.

John is survived by friends in Sacramento who remember him as a sweet, kind-hearted soul. John delighted in going to the ocean to watch the sea life, loved to tend his gardens and care for his beloved dog Barney Googles. He also enjoyed painting, playing the piano and fussing with his aquariums.



In addition to friends in Sacramento and St. Louis, John is also survived by a granddaughter in Missouri. He was preceded in death by his daughter and his mother Jesse Gentile. Extra special thanks must be extended to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and the staff at UCD Med Center, all of whom worked hard to help John in a caring and sensitive manner. Words cannot fully express the appreciation due Richard, who stood by John when no one else could.

Wherever your journey has taken you, John, we know Barney Googles and Scooter Pie are with you. We will always love you for the good times. Be well, be happy, smile and laugh. It's your turn to shine.



Jimmy Pisciotto

**J**immy Pisciotto aka "Jinger Jerome" died February 20 after a long illness. He was 46.

Jimmy contributed greatly to Sacramento's gay community. He was elected president of the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire six times, and as Jinger Jerome was elected Empress VIII.

Many remember Jimmy as a businessman, owner of Duffy's Cleaners, and Duffy's Transfer. He worked tirelessly as a small business owner in addition to his continued fundraising work with the Court.

Friends remember Jimmy as a leader, someone who was always independent even while taking-on incredible tasks. He had a way of organizing community functions, taking an idea and somehow turning it into a reality with unbelievable results.

It is hard to say farewell to such a dynamic man, a man who cared for this community with all his heart and soul. He should be remembered for all he gave to us as a community, and as friends. He is missed very much.

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# getting OUTTA TOWN

## SF Lesbians/Gays Register as Domestic Partners

by Garret Madderra

**L**esbians and Gays in San Francisco celebrated Valentine's Day by officially pronouncing their Domestic Partner relationships at City Hall.

Passed by voter approval last November as Prop. K, the historic Domestic Partners ordinance now recognizes lesbians, gay and straight couples in a county documented manner as Domestic Partners through the Marriage License Bureau.

Hailed nationally as a gigantic step for the lesbian and gay rights movement, gay leaders see this as the opportunity for lesbian and gay couples to put themselves forward publicly in a highly visible manner as committed couples.

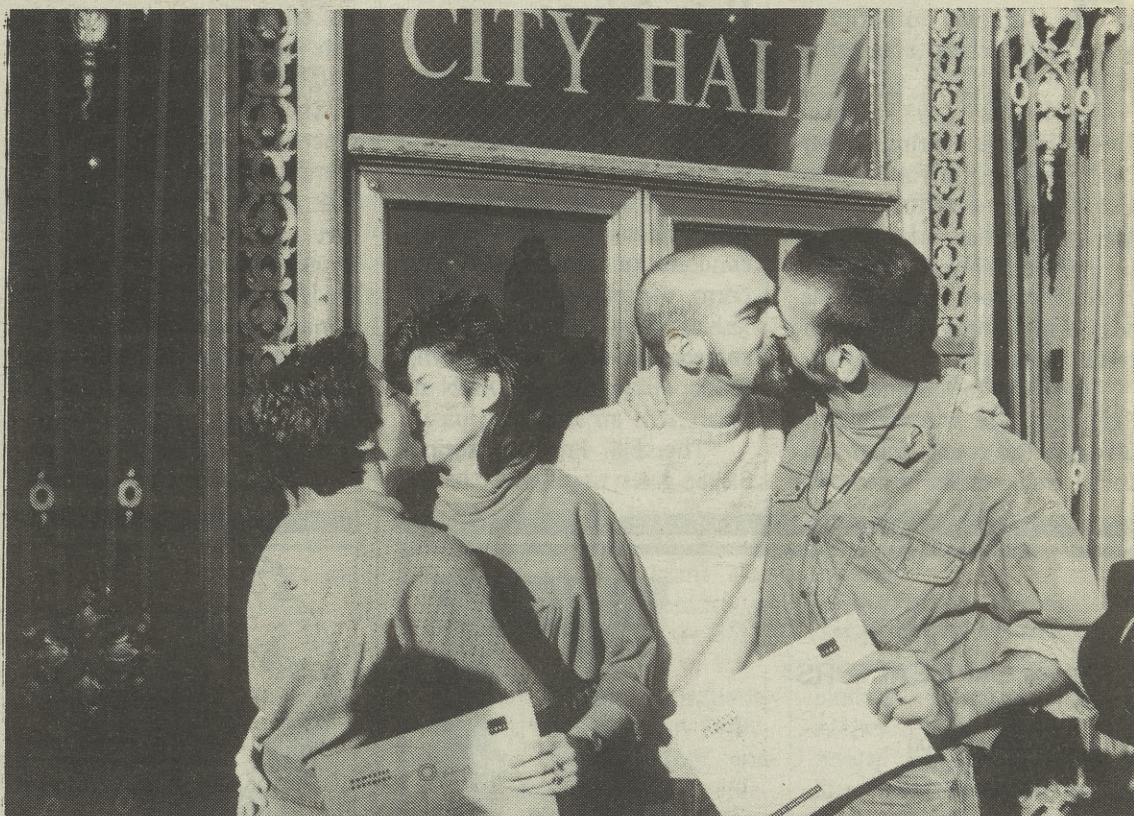
Though laws presently exist in Berkeley, Santa Cruz, West Hollywood and a few other cities outside of California, the landmark ordinance is the first to be passed by city voter approval.

To register as Domestic Partners, couples must present photo identification in person

to the San Francisco County Clerks Office. A form is filled out and filed for \$35 and a certificate is issued. The information at this point becomes public information. To be eligible for this method, one of the partners must live or work in San Francisco.

An alternative method that does not become public information is to take the form to a Notary Public in the presence of a witness and the document is then the personal property of the couple. This method is also available to couples that don't reside or work in San Francisco, but would like to make it official.

Leaders in the gay community are urging couples to take advantage of this opportunity to be recognized as Domestic Partners and to present the document to employers and insurance companies in the interest of



The first couples to register were: Susan Berry and Martha Cody, Chris Minor and Richard Mulholland.

spousal benefits.

The legislation in San Francisco does not require employers or agencies to acknowledge

such a document or force them to grant special rights to the partners, it is felt that "benefits are inevitable." In

spite of its legal limitations, the legislation will no doubt have wide reaching social and political ramifications.

## Dannemeyer Runs for U.S. Senate

by David Welton

**U**ltraconservative Congressman William Dannemeyer (R-Fullerton), an outspoken opponent of lesbian and gay rights, declared his candidacy for the US Senate seat held by John Seymour.

His preoccupation with gay male sexuality is evidenced by his utter inability to take the word "sex" out of homosexual. In a letter to the Sacramento Bee, Dannemeyer describes homosexuals as "a group of individuals whose existence is primarily defined by sodomy."

Dannemeyer wasted no time outlining his anti-gay agenda. At the late-February

Republican Convention in Sacramento, he circulated an amendment to party bylaws that affirms "the heterosexual ethic." The proposal was killed in committee. Seymour opposed the amendment and pointed out that Dannemeyer had spent his 12 years in Congress "fixated on gay bashing."

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## Over 500 Black Leaders turn out to Speak Out Against Injustice

by Sidney Brinkley

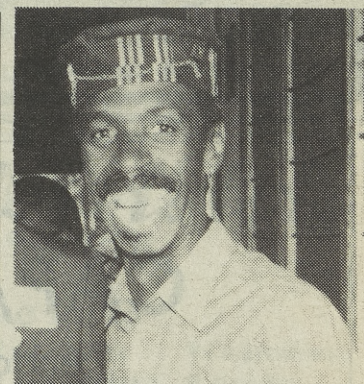
**T**he theme chosen for the Fourth Annual Black Gay and Lesbian Conference was "Come Out! Come Home!" And that's what over 500 black lesbians and gay men from around the United States and abroad did when they converged on the Hyatt Regency in Los Angeles February 9 through 18.

The Conference, planned by the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, included a number of calls to action, workshops on issues of specific concern to black gays, and during its opening days, the Second Annual Black Gay and Lesbian Cultural Arts Festival.

The Conference's opening plenary began with a welcoming address delivered by Phill Wilson, co-chair of the Leadership Forum and AIDS Coordinator for the City of Los Angeles. In his speech, Wil-

son exhorted participants to stop suffering in silence and "speak out" on a number of issues including violence against blacks, lesbians, and gay men, and the continued underfunding of AIDS programs directed at minorities.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Marjorie Hill, liaison to New York City Mayor David Dinkins and director of the City's Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community. In a dynamic speech built around the conference theme, Hill



Reggie Williams of the Task Force on AIDS prevention.

spoke of her vision of the movement and asked, "Where is home?"

"My vision of the movement is one that is organizing for progressive social change," she said. "A racism-beleaguered lesbian/gay movement will not free me. An unchallenged sexist civil rights movement will not take me seriously. And a heterosexual, homophobic women's movement

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# the latest NEWS BITS

## Gay MasterCard

A gay groups credit union has been granted authority to issue credit cards bearing its name.

The Dallas Gay Alliance's Credit Union is offering MasterCard plates to anyone -- not just Dallas residents -- who join the Alliance, and pays \$40 in membership fees. Credit union members must also deposit a minimum of \$25 in the credit union.

According to Outlines News Service, a gay wire service in Chicago, the credit union is issuing credit cards bearing the

large purple letters, "Dallas Gay Alliance Credit Union."

*Outlines News Service*

## Hate Crimes

In the wake of recent mainstream attention of the problem of hate crimes, Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy issued a statement yesterday in which he said, "No one should condone or ignore any hate crime of hate. When gay or lesbian people are attacked, or someone is attacked for being black or Jewish or Arab or Asian, it is an attack on us all."

"The bill I'm sponsoring, SB98, gives us all the chance

to fight back. SB98 is strong medicine for an ugly sickness.

SB98, authored by Senator Bill Lockyer, takes existing civil an criminal penalties against hate crimes and makes them tougher."

The bill will: double the sentence for misdemeanor hate crimes; increase sentences for hate crimes committed in concert with others; mandate longer sentences for repeat offenders; remove the cap on punitive damages; and require that attorneys take continuing education courses on civil rights laws.

*San Francisco Sentinel*

## Presbyterian Progress

Presbyterian Church officials are considering a resolution to accept "any sexual relations in which there is genuine equality and mutual respect." According to the Washington Times, a Presbyterian Church panel this month approved the new policy by a vote of 9 to 6. It will next go to a committee of the Church's General Assembly in June.

"Homosexual love, no less and no more than heterosexual love, is right and good," states the report.

*Washington Blade*

## Out in Oregon

Just hours after being sworn in as the Oregon State House's newest member, Gail Shibley came out publicly as a lesbian.

According to the Associated Press, Shibley, 32, was ap-

pointed to the House seat by the Multnomah County Commission to fill out a term vacated by the Portland legislator appointed to become secretary of state.

"To my sisters and brothers in Oregon's lesbian and gay community, I, as a lesbian, would like to say it's nice to be here," said Shibley, in a January 16 press conference.

Shibley works as director of communications for the Bureau of Traffic Management in Portland.

*Associated Press*

## SF Freedom Day Seeks Volunteers!

The Outreach Committee of the 1991 San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade Celebration is requesting volunteer assistance in all aspects of this years parade, from the current planning stages, up to the actual day of the event (Sunday, June 30).

If you would like to give a hand to "Hand-in-Hand Together," please write to the SFLGDPCC Outreach Committee, 584 Castro Street, #513, San Francisco, CA 94114. Include your name, address, home and work phones with times you can be reached at each, and your area(s) of interest (float/march, safety, medical, celebration/stages, support services, booths, site, fund-raising, outreach, media, special needs, beverage, money handling, etc.).

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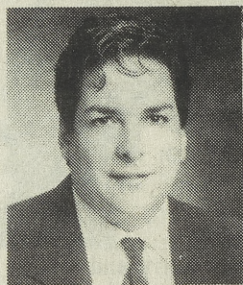
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# HIV POSITIVE

## CDC Explores HIV Testing of Health Care Workers

by Arturo Jackson III

**A** two-day hearing coordinated by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta explored the various opinions surrounding the issue of mandatory HIV testing of doctors, dentists, and other health-care workers.

The CDC hearing held February 21-22, resulted from the agency's decision to review current health-care worker safety guidelines in light of three recent cases in Florida where HIV transmission repor-

tedly occurred between a dentist and his three patients during dental procedures.

Hundreds of doctors, dentists, nurses, technicians, labor representatives and AIDS advocates urged increased educa-

tion of health-care workers and utilization of effective techniques in invasive procedures, such as retractable needles and flexible scalpels.

Groups present at the hearing ranging from the American Medical Association to the American Civil Liberties Union voiced opposition to the mandatory HIV testing proposal, stating unanimously that the relatively few cases of HIV transmission in the health field did not warrant a change in policy.

"The AMA and the American Dental Association have

recommended that HIV-infected practitioners either notify their patients or give up surgery. A physician who has a transmissible and fatal disease should not place his or her patients at high risk," stated Dr. Nancy Dickey, an AMA trustee. Mandatory testing would be an overreaction to a very slight risk, the physician added. "We should not lose sight of the fact that physicians also have rights."

Do the patients have a "right to know?" asks Dr. Neil Schram of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights. "Because of the infinitesimal risk, we don't think so."

A half dozen organizations, including the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, representing 350,000 health care workers called for the enact-

ment of increased safety measures for health care workers to protect both the health professional and patient rather than mandatory testing.

"We've got open minds," stated Dr. William Roper, director of the CDC. "We called this meeting for real. It's a complicated matter. The patient's right to know whether a doctor or dentist is a threat to the individual's health is a fundamental question in medicine, but it's not a simple question, and we really can't give...a simplistic answer."

The CDC guidelines are viewed as recommendations by the health community with no binding authority and the agency is expected to issue revised precautionary guidelines within the next 60 days.

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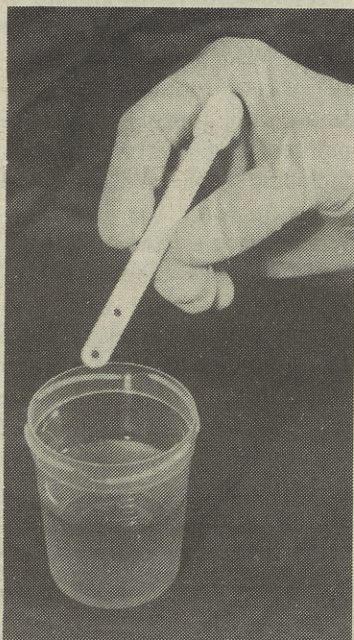
## Dipstick to Test for HIV

by Arturo Jackson III

**A** "dipstick" test reportedly able to detect HIV antibodies in saliva and other bodily fluid samples may be available to physicians and dentists within the next few years.

David Fowler, president of FutureTech Inc., a small company based in Gainesville, Florida, along with the principal researcher, Roger Clemmons, an associate professor at the University of Florida announced last month that the "dipstick" test method had successfully completed pre-clinical testing over the last three years detecting HIV-1 and HIV-2 antibodies in saliva samples.

Fowler reported that the "dipstick" testing method was 100 percent accurate in approximately 2,000 tests on hundreds of people including confirmation of many known HIV positive samples. "We have completed enough work to be able to say that the test is accurate," Clemmons stated. "This is a significant step in our ability to make this diagnosis quickly. The advantage



of this procedure is a that saliva is very easy to test with and is not very infectious as far as HIV is concerned."

The next step for FutureTech, Inc. is to apply for official FDA approval insuring widespread marketing and availability of the "dipstick" tester. "The FDA is concerned about over the counter versions of the 'dipstick' HIV tester and the psychological impacts of home HIV testing. Most people don't think about the implications of a positive test result," stated David Fowler in a recent interview. Local AIDS expert and past president of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, Elizabeth

Harrison M.D. commented, "A home HIV tester forces the entire home testing issue. It is vital to have education and emphasize the possibility of false negative and false positive test results." In response to home testing issues, the president of FutureTech, Inc. states, "We prefer to have the 'dipstick' tester marketed to individuals who are professionals and able to provide appropriate counseling."

With less stringent drug controls and testing requirements outside the United States, FutureTech, Inc. is anticipating full-scale marketing endeavors in several foreign countries. "The 'dipstick' tester will be available for us in Asia by the end of the year or early 1992. The tester should then be available in Europe, Africa and eventually in the United States in about 19 months," Fowler stated.

Clemmons emphasized that the entire testing process is relatively simple. The first step is adding a sulfur dilution to a sample of saliva, incubating it with a dipstick for one minute, washing the sample, adding a second buffer reagent, washing the test sample again and adding a developer to the solution. Fowler reports that the entire process requires less than eight minutes and will probably cost \$6 to \$10 per test.

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## LEADERSHIP

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cannot see me. As an African-American lesbian, where do I turn, who do I challenge, and in what order?"

The conference featured three day-long "institutes," focusing on "Leadership Development," "AIDS/HIV Disease in African American Communities," and "Women."

## Be Prepared to go it Alone

Reggie Williams, executive director of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, delivered a speech that criticized the federal government for ignoring black gays. He also criticized the white gay community with wanting to "play games with money for AIDS programs."

In his speeches, he called on black lesbians and gay men to be prepared to go it alone, if need be, in the fight against AIDS. "It would be nice to think that we are all we

need," he said, "that if the government chooses to ignore the needs of gay and bisexual black men around HIV, that's OK, we'll take care of ourselves and each other ... if the co-called 'mainstream' gay community" meaning gay white organizations, "prefer to play games with money for AIDS programs, who cares? Most of us have done OK without their help up until now," said Williams. "If the black community is content to keep its head in the sand while AIDS is exploding all around the us like SCUD missiles in the desert, then so be it. The black gay community will take care of itself because we have to."

## Strong Participation by Women

There were nearly as many women at the conference as there were men, a fact that some attributed to the strong and diverse women's program at the conference.

"The committee has made

an all-out effort to reach as many lesbians as possible and is presenting a program we feel will encompass the diversity of black lesbian voices," said Yolanda Whittington, Leadership Forum board member and co-chair of the Women's Program Committee.

Friday was devoted to dealing with women's issues. Workshops included "Black Lesbian Writers at Work;" "Body to Body," which focused on the sexual relations; and "Herstory, Mystory, Ourstory," which focused on the history of black lesbians and their impact on the women's movement.

A workshop on "Internalized Oppression" elicited some of the most talked-about discussions among women attending the conference. It dealt with issues of sexism, homophobia, racism, and classism, said Whittington, who acted as facilitator.

"We also discussed issues of self-hate, invisibility, and sexual invalidation," she said. "Black lesbian empowerment is essential for social change and acceptance of our sexual identities."

Politics was the focus of several workshops and one titled "Making Our Voices Heard" was a roundtable discussion with openly gay appointed and elected officials, including Hill, Wilson, and Keith St. John, the first openly gay black elected official.

Each spoke about the frustrations of dealing with government bureaucracy. Since being elected to the Albany City Council, St. John said he has "learned the limitations of government." All agreed they were developing skills in the art of negotiation and com-

promise.

The leadership institute ended with a gala banquet and dance attended by over 500 people. The theme as "Children in Paradise, a celebration of the beauty of the tropics." A Brazilian dance troupe performed, and Keith St. John delivered the keynote address.

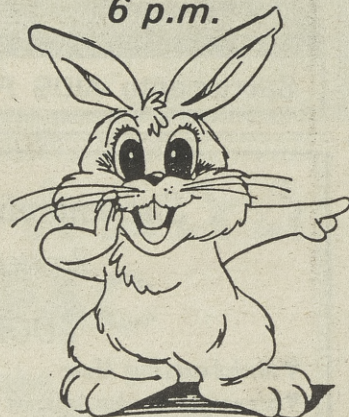
"The sobering reality," he said, "the truth around which we must all come together in these present times, can be found in the obituaries and cemeteries that are swelling with the souls of black folks who are dying unnatural and unnecessary deaths. Black Americans are dying coast to coast. In cities and suburbs, with drugs in one hand and guns in the other, with dollars in one hand and bullets in the other, with the bible in one hand and a shovel in the other. If we are going to talk about coming out and coming home, we must also speak about coming together."

On Sunday, there were more workshops, and the AIDS benefit luncheon honoring U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) "for her continuous support for lesbian and gay rights and in the fight against AIDS."

Sunday evening, over 250 conferees attended a special awards presentation for filmmaker Marlon Riggs. A retrospective of his work was shown, including his award-winning *Ethnic Notions* and his film about black gay men "Tongues Untied." That was followed by the premiere of Riggs' new film "Anthem," an eight-minute video which uses erotic images of black men making love, music, and poetry, to make a political statement.

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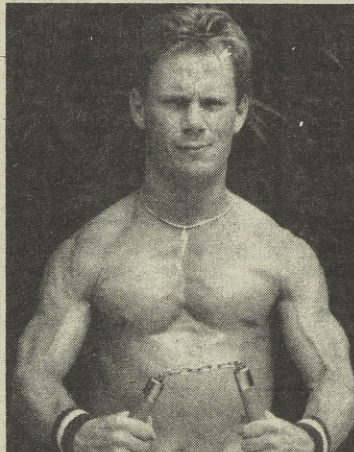


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ourselves.

Mr. Leather Sacramento, Randy Gray, is sponsoring the "Take Back the Night" seminar featuring Chris Burns. Burns has been a long-time advocate



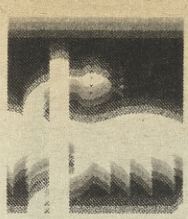
Chris Burns.

of self-defense training, and has added his talents to these anti-violence efforts. Chris is an expert in a variety of martial arts, holding a black belt in judo and kung fu, as well as having experience in a number of other disciplines, including karate, tai kwan do, and American boxing. Burns is also well-known for his illustrious career starring in more than 100 erotic videos.

"This isn't a philosophical study of martial arts. This is a fundamental approach that uses techniques from a variety of martial arts disciplines in an easily grasped manner; techniques that I teach to gay men and women to protect themselves" said Burns.

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# MIND & BODY

## Are Fillings Dangerous Dentistry?

By Carrel Madderra

**T**he viewing public has recently been bombarded by programs such as "60 Minutes," with sensationalized stories about the alleged risks from silver dental fillings.

Using anecdotal accounts and questionable research methods, the program left us with the impression that silver fillings are contributing toxic levels of mercury to our bodies.

The show went on to suggest that by removing these fillings, a variety of medical diseases including arthritis and multiple sclerosis could be miraculously cured.

In spite of the fact that dental amalgam has been used in the treatment of cavities in teeth for over 150 years, the program failed to acknowledge the voluminous research establishing the relative safety and benefits of dental amalgam.

"Dentists receive far more mercury exposure than patients, and place hundreds of thousands of amalgams annually,"

said American Dental Association president R. Malcolm Overbey. "If there were a



problem with mercury exposure, you would expect it to show up in dentists; and yet dentists do not suffer from any adverse health effects."

To put this issue in relative terms, it should be noted that the same amount of mercury

that has been formed in the blood, supposedly from amalgam, could have resulted from eating 1/100 of a can of tuna -- which is a very small bite of a very small sandwich. Also, to reach the lowest blood concentration at which symptoms of toxicity and adverse health effects appear, 1600 amalgam fillings would be required.

The ADA maintains that the dental profession is committed to providing the highest quality of service to the patient in a safe manner at a reasonable cost. Presently, alternative materials fail to demonstrate comparable strength and longevity in the mouth and are significantly more costly. Furthermore, any replacement of existing amalgam restorations would be both costly and possibly detrimental to otherwise healthy teeth.

According to a recent article from a dental publication, "Based on the research available to date, the ADA sees no cause for public concern about either existing or future amalgam restorations."

## Trying to Live In the Present

By Tom Romanella

**I**t has been said that the robbers of life are the past and the future.

When we are living in guilt, we are living in the past, suffering over something that has already happened that can't be changed in the now.

When we are living in fear, we are living in the future, worried about things that have not yet happened. Many times, we do this to avoid what we are feeling right now. We may even become psychologically addicted to these feelings and the crisis that comes with them to avoid looking at or making changes about our lives right now. Hence, terms like "frozen with fear." If we can learn to release the past and let the future come when it gets

here, we can learn to live life moment to moment and learn to enjoy what's happening right now.

I call living in the past or the future "time travel" (thanks Beau), because when ever I am doing that, I am traveling backward or forward and am missing the present.

Some people who have great fears about health or aging are missing the present. I have to ask myself as I am writing this, "How much more alive is it possible for me to be right now?"

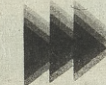
We cannot ignore the possibilities of the future; but if we are missing the present moment, worried about what could or might happen, then we are missing the most important part of life -- right now! One of my favorite quotes is, "Life is what's happening while most of us are making other plans" (John Lennon).

Another thing we can learn to do is to talk in the present tense. Example: If I say, "I am always depressed," I am affirming that I am always depressed. If I say, "I am feeling depressed right now," I am leaving the very next moment open to a different feeling. I think it is important to learn not to talk in absolutes; we never always feel anything in one way. None of this means of course to forget the past or ignore the future or to abandon all common sense.

Living life in the present moment is not an easy thing for many of us to learn to do, but it can be done and becomes easier and easier with conscious practice.

Someone asked me the other day why I write this stuff. The answer is because I need to hear it! We teach best what we most need to learn!

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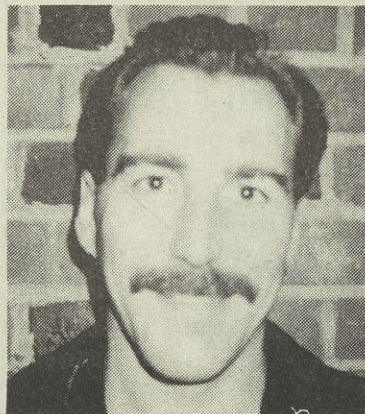
by Tom Romanotto

## What was your most embarrassing moment?



**Margaret Schubert,**  
Sacramento

"I went to a Catholic grammar school; we were doing the stations of the cross and they got to me and I was supposed to do the Hail Marys and I forgot all the words and there were 1000 people waiting for me. . . . I kept having to ask the person next to me for the words!"



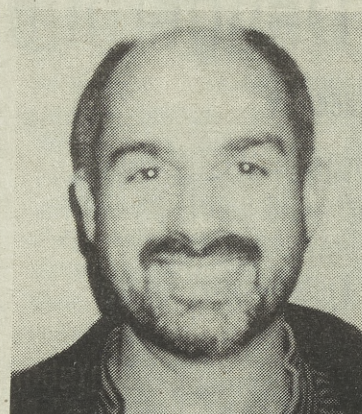
**Robert Gilbert,**  
Sacramento

"I was falsely arrested for stealing my car. We had a pig in the car -- the pig was in my coat and while the cop told us to spread eagle, the pig jumped out of the coat and the cop jumped about 20 feet in the air. When he asked me what that was, I said, 'It's my pig!'"



**Trish Wells,**  
Sacramento

"When I got my first apartment. . . . It was still empty and my boyfriend and I were making love on the living room floor -- naked -- and my mother just dropped in!"



**Larry Cook,**  
Sacramento

"I can't remember! There have been so many, they've all blurred together!"



**Evelyn Desmarais,**  
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### DANNEMEYER

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Seymour was appointed by Governor Wilson and now must face voters for the balance of Wilson's term which expires in 1994. Alan Crans-ton's Senate seat is also up for grabs.

On June 29, 1989, Dannemeyer astounded colleagues by placing into the Congressional Record graphic descriptions of what he termed "activities peculiar to homosexuality," one of which involved "inserting lightbulbs up another man's rectum." He reports that "the average homosexual has 1,000 or more sexual partners in his lifetime." In his usual style, he limits his remarks to gay men -- references to lesbians are not found.

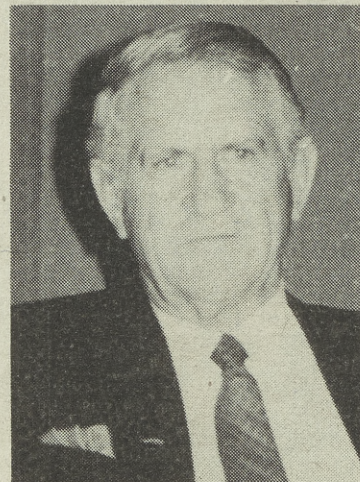
He states that "homosexuals are among the most unhealthy of demographic groups" and that "their bowels have been full of the bulk of enteric diseases in America." He continues in the Congressional Record by stating that "homosexuality is pathological and should still be considered a mental illness."

The 61-year-old congressman sits on the House Subcommittee on Health and the

Environment. Recently he attacked a Department of Health and Human Service report on youth suicide that found gay and lesbian youth three times as likely as heterosexual youth to attempt suicide. Dannemeyer wrote to HHS Secretary Louis W. Sullivan asking him to denounce the portions dealing with homosexuality because the report didn't affirm "traditional family values."

He has advocated legislation aimed at limiting the rights of persons with HIV/AIDS. Dannemeyer supported Lyndon LaRouche's 1986 and 1988 HIV reporting initiatives and endorsed them in the Official Ballot Pamphlet.

Dannemeyer also success-



William Dannemeyer.

fully led an effort to kill funding for a Federal survey on the sexual practices of Americans, which would have allowed health officials to track the course of the AIDS epidemic. He was concerned that the survey would somehow inflate the numbers of gay and lesbian Americans.

Why does Dannemeyer think he can win statewide support for the GOP primary in June 1992? Fund raising is a key element. By being one of the primary congressional figures engaged in verbal gay bashing, he can attract financial support from a nationwide group of homophobic Americans. He has retained the Washington, D.C. fund-raising organization that handled the Jesse Helms and Ronald Reagan campaigns.

A recent California poll puts Dannemeyer dead last among GOP hopefuls, but he cannot be underestimated. Outgoing GOP Chairman Frank Visco expressed his fear of Dannemeyer's single-issue politics and slammed proposals to affirm the party's belief in a "heterosexual ethic." But Dannemeyer vowed to try again in the fall. Dannemeyer must be tracked carefully as he moves through the ranks of the homophobic.



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# PLAN-IT

15 friday

**Photos and Paintings by Native American Artists** in exhibit at the C.N. Gorman Museum at UC Davis. For more info call 752-6567. **Through April 5**

The Fantasy Theater presents: **The Bark of Zorro** for the Planned Parenthood Spring Festival, at the Crest Theater, 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. For more info call 446-5037



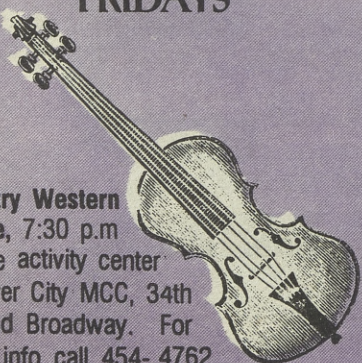
**The Best of Lesbianism, Sex-ism and Feminism** with Robin Tyler, 8p.m. at the Holiday Inn Holidome, Madison and I-80. Presented by SACWN. Tickets range \$10 - \$15. For more info call 486-8985.

**Bobbie Callicoate** makes a final appearance at Joseph's before retirement 9pm, \$2 at the door.

**Mothertongue Reader's Theater** at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St at market in San Francisco. 8pm, \$8-15 sliding scale, for more info call (415) 861-7933 **Weekends through April 7.**

## FRIDAYS

**Country Western Dance**, 7:30 p.m. in the activity center of River City MCC, 34th St and Broadway. For more info call 454-4762.

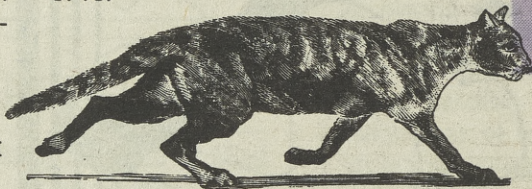


# March

16 saturday



**One Year at Shangri-La!** celebration by Music by Joey. 9p.m. - 2 a.m. Shangri-La, 6339 Mack Road, \$5.00 cover. 427-5713.



**Lady Garnett and the Do-Cats** are doing the 'wild-thang' at Joseph's, 9pm doors open at 8 pm.

**Jazz-ee**, dance company of CSUS presents its annual Studio Works Concert in Phys Ed room 187 on CSUS campus. 8pm, tickets \$5. For info call 278-6306

17 sunday

**Gwen Avery in Concert** at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, 3583 16th St at Market San Francisco. 4pm, \$6. For more info call (415) 861-7933.



**St. Patrick's Day Psychic Faire & Crystal Sale** at the Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 2755 Cottage Way Ste. 11. Noon - 5pm. for more info call 456-5685.

**Mu Phi Epsilon** the national music honorary society will perform at 3pm in the ballroom of the Crocker Art Museum. Admission is free, for more info call 449-5423.

## SUNDAYS

**Live Jazz** at J.R.'s featuring Jazz group ISM. 8pm 24th and J Streets. For more info call 448-8876.

18 monday

**Legal Aspects of HIV**, part of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation Healthy Living Series. 7p.m.-9p.m. in the SAF Training space, 1900 K St, Second floor. For more info call 448-2437.

## MONDAYS

**Men's Coming-Out Group**, Co-sponsored by GLAS and the Lambda Community Center in the Miwok Room at the CSUS University Union, 5:30 - 7p.m. For more info call Franklin at the Lambda Center, 442-0185.

**Women's Rap Group** 7 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St.

**HIV + Support Group** sponsored by Project Survival, of WCIC. Call 454-0516 for information.

19 tuesday

HAVANA

CIGARS



**Cigar Box Landscapes** by William Keith will be on display at the Crocker Art Museum through April 29.

**Assemblyman Phillip Isenberg** will be guest speaker at the River City Democratic Club meeting, 6:30 pm at the Lambda Center. For more info call 446-6667.

**Nurturing Tradition, Fostering Change Conference**, presented by the California Commission on the Status of Women, at the Beverly Garland Hotel. For more info write to 1303 J Street, suite 400 Sacramento Ca 95814. **March 19,20,&21**

## TUESDAYS

**"Being Gay Today"**, 10p.m. on Cable 63. 1 hour of lesbian & gay programs from around the country and beyond.

20 wednesday



**Symposium on Paranormal Phenomena** will be presented at the Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 2755 Cottage way Ste. #11. For info and reservations call 456-5685.

## WEDNESDAYS

**"Let's Talk"** support group, a.k.a. Queers with Fears, for gay & Bi-men 7pm -8:30 pm (2nd, 4th & 5th Wed. of each month) at CARES, 2710 Capitol Ave. for more info call 443-3299.



21 thursday

**AZTLAN-BRASIL; "A Native Dance Celebration"** Ethnic dance performance in the Redwood Room at CSUS, 11:45 am - 1pm. For more info call 278-6595.

## THURSDAYS

**"Being Gay Today"**, 9p.m on Cable 63, repeat broadcast.

**Volleyball!** Interested in playing volleyball? Thursday nights, 7-9pm, at Sacramento City College Women's Gym. Call Daryl Rice at 442-4641.

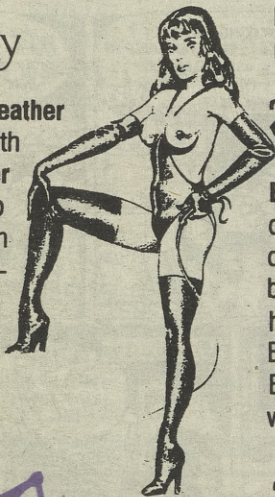
**GLAS** (Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Sacramento), meets in the CSUS Social Science building, room 236, 8:30 -10p.m. for more info call 456-3469 or 927-8661.

22 friday

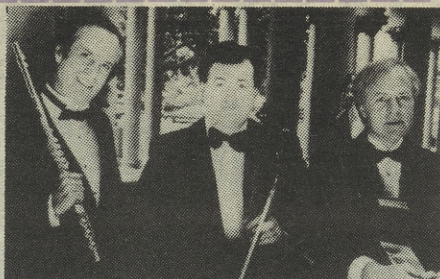
**Golden State Gay Rodeo Association** will hold the Gay Rodeo at the Los Angeles Equestrian Park, 480 Riverside Dr. Burbank. Tickets can be ordered at ticketron (800) 382-8080. For info contact the L.A Rodeo Hotline at (213) 983-1935.

23 saturday

**International Ms. Leather** will be holding its 5th annual contest: **Under Construction**, at Club Townsend, 177 Townsend St. San Francisco. 3pm - 8pm. For more info call (415) 282-1118.



24 sunday



**Pacific Arts Trio**, will perform at 3pm in the ballroom at the Crocker Art Museum. Admission is free, for more info call 449-5423.

25 monday



**"Women in History"** awards will be presented by the Sacramento History Museum. 101 I St, in Old Sacramento. Rev. Freda Smith of River City MCC will be one of the recipients. For more info call 454-4762.

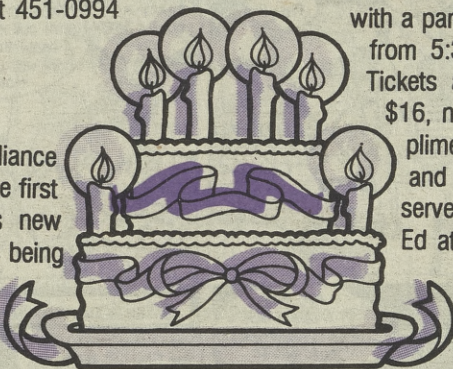
26 tuesday



**"Take Back The Night"** a seminar on self-defense in relation to hate crimes and gay bashings. 8pm at Clunie Hall, \$5, for more info call Randy at 451-0994

28 thursday

**BANG!** The Business Alliance of Networking Gays. The first official meeting of this new business organization is being held at the Incredible Edible, 1401 Alhambra Blvd. 7 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend.



31 sunday



## Plan-It In Advance

To list your events in the Daily Plan-it, send a brief description of the event along with any graphic images you may have before the 5th of each month to: **the latest ISSUE**, P.O. Box 160584, Sacramento, CA 95816.

# April



2 tuesday

**James Galway**, internationally acclaimed flutist will perform at the Sacramento Community Theater, at 8pm. Tickets are \$10.50-30 and are available at the Community Center Theater Box office, UC Davis Campus Box office and all BASS/TM outlets.

5 friday

**Strong Tea; Richard Notkin and the Yixing Tradition**, collection of unusual teapots on display at Crocker Art Museum through May 19.



6 saturday

**Leather Art Auction**, at the Wreck Room, 10pm, for info call Randy at 451-0994.



**River City Democratic Club** will celebrate its **8th Birthday** with a party at Faces from 5:30 -7:30pm. Tickets are \$8 & \$16, no-host bar, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and birthday cake will be served. For more info call Ed at 682-8948.

**Ensemble Project Ars Nova** will perform medieval music in UC Davis' Freeborn Hall

at 8pm. Tickets are \$7-13. For more info call 752-2523.

**Circle The Earth 1991: Dancing with Life on the Line**, will be performed at 8pm at the Redwood High School in Larkspur. Tickets are \$10, proceeds will benefit the AIDS and cancer programs of Tamalpa Institute and the Marin AIDS Emergency fund. For more info call (415) 461-9479.

**Lambda Players Fundraiser** at Ambrose Heath 10th & J, 3-6pm. Entertainment by Open Road, Mary Rose, and the cast of the "Fantastiks". A must attend event, with big-wigs from SF. See newsbit on page 6. \$10 admission, hors d'oeuvres, No host bar.

13 saturday

**Voting for The Emperor & Empress of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire.** Joseph's Town and Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd. All day.

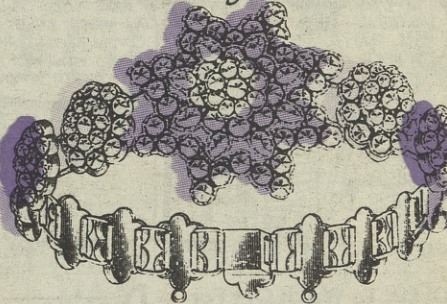
14 sunday

**Tom Hirsch of "Advance Christian Ministries"** will be the guest speaker at The Revelation Church at 11am at the Lambda Center. For info call 965-8825.

19 friday

**The Experience**, a two and a half day workshop about love, truth and being powerful in life. For more info call 481-0105 or 682-4737 April 19, 20, 21.

20 saturday



**Coronation of the new Emperor & Empress of California's Great Northwest Imperial Empire** at Turn Verien Hall, 3349 J Street.

24 wednesday

**National Lesbian Conference**, will be in Atlanta Ga. Workshops, panels and speakers will be presented during this 4 day gathering. For more info write: National Lesbian Conference, P.O.Box 1999, Decatur, Ga 30031 or call 404)373-0000.



**Camp Awards** at Joseph's Town and Country. 2062 Auburn Blvd. Tickets \$10., doors open at 6 p.m. show starts at 7.

**Sacramento Orchid Show and Plant Sale**, at Country Club Plaza, for more info call 366-6326.



# the latest ENTERTAINMENT

## The Millingtons: A Musical Must

by P.J. Dunker

**J**une Millington and her sister Jean offered Sacramento an evening of outstanding musical entertainment on Saturday, March 2, at Joseph's Town & Country.

It was a rainy night and a late performance, and that perhaps thinned the crowd somewhat. But the crowd that was there was very enthusiastic. And if you've ever been treated to a June Millington concert, you know why the audience was so enthusiastic.

June is a excellent guitarist who knows how to get down, funky, and downright nasty if

the idea strikes her. But she can coax a gentleness from her electric guitars just as well. Her sister Jean does more than just accompany June on bass; she adds an extra dimension.

June and Jean perform original music that is not only well performed, but extremely danceable and fun to listen to. Moreover, the lyrics have something to say, be it humanitarian, political, or a story about a hot unforgettable love.

June and Jean are originally from the Philippines; however, they also attended McClatchy High School right here in Sacramento. They currently reside in Davis; that is, when they're not on the road. They were headed for Ames, Iowa, after their Sacramento performance. The best news if you missed them is that they promised to return soon. Watch for announcements of their next date, because it's



Jean and June Millington gave the audience a great show.

definitely a DO-NOT-MISS engagement. Until then pick up a copy of their album, "One World, One Heart."

## O O O O P s!

The article on the Ms. Leather Sacramento Contest in the February 15 ISSUE inaccurately quoted the remarks made by Ruth Marks, Ms. National Leather Association.

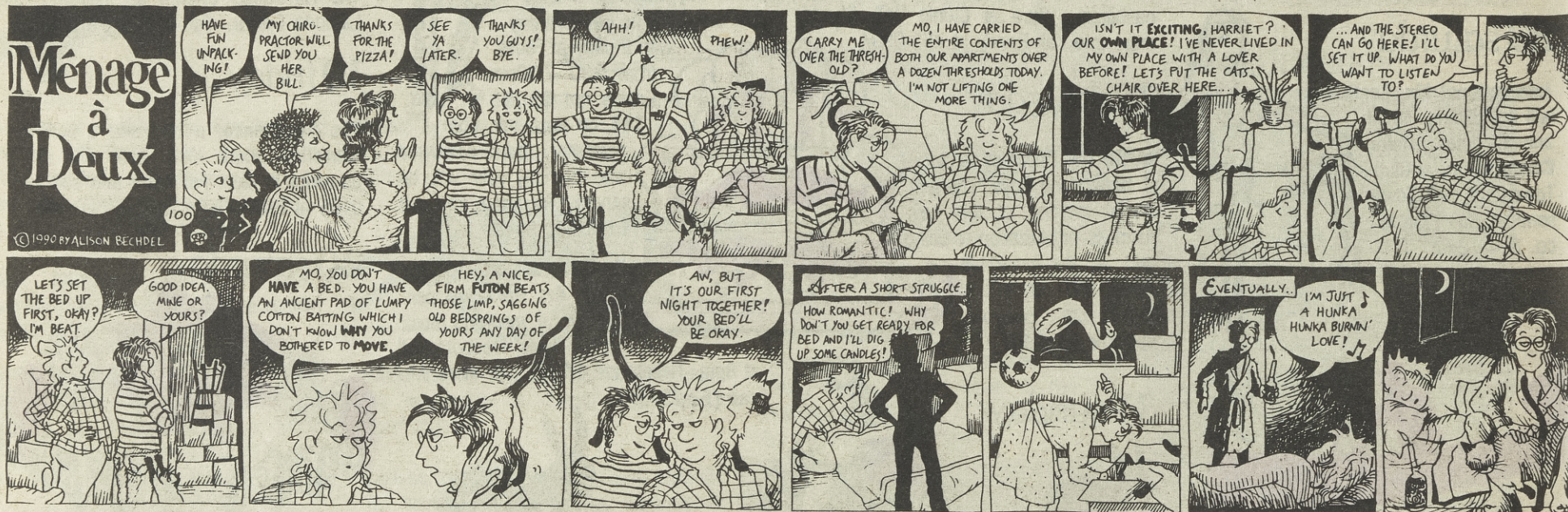
Her statements should have read "We as gay and lesbian people should be aware that our sexual civil liberties are being taken away." Her concern was that "almost half the states in this country do not permit gays and lesbians to engage in sexual acts and that is a statement to encourage awareness and outrage on the part of gays and lesbians."

We at the latest ISSUE apologize for any misrepresentation about Ms. Marks statements.

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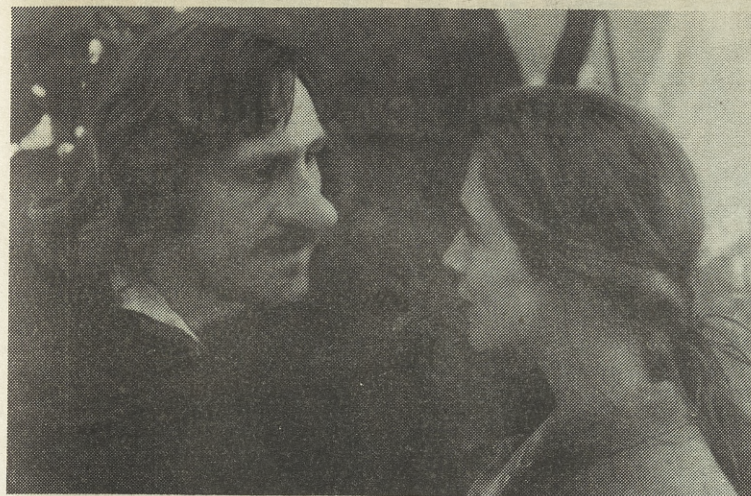
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# CYRANO de BERGERAC THE NOSE KNOWS



Gerard Depardieu and Anne Brochet in *Cyrano De Bergerac*.

by Chris Gerald

Unrequited love. Remember that first crush on your teacher? As children, we stoically stood by, admiring the object of our cherished affections, never wavering in our attachment.

Perhaps it is this identification with Cyrano that has made him one of literature's most popular and enduring figures.

There are no adequate adjectives that describe Gerard Depardieu's magnificent performance in the title role. Cyrano de Bergerac is a dual creature; a fighter and a romantic, full of action and rhetoric. Through Depardieu the bellicose public persona becomes the invention of a tormented soul, rejected by a mother with no use for an ugly child. But Cyrano has a deep spirit nurtured by an inner genius. He feels too grotesque in form to speak of love and quickly seizes the opportunity to express himself to his beloved Roxane (the beguiling Anne Brochet) through the hand-

some Christian (Vincent Perez).

It is Christian's beauty that first attracts Roxane to this painfully shy soldier. Christian yearns to speak with eloquence and turns to Cyrano for help. It is to their credit that Brochet and Perez create complex and universal characters. Dreamers all, full of pain and hunger, that are bound by love and suffering. Just like us. ⚡⚡⚡⚡

## THE DOORS

Sex, drugs, and rock-and-roll. 1965, a young poet goes from singing a capella on a Venice beach to helping define a musical decade.

He died mysteriously in a

Paris hotel room in 1971 at the age of 27, and joined the ranks of Jimi Hendricks and Janis Joplin as a rock legend.

Jim Morrison was untrained in his self-destruction, downing copious amounts of alcohol and psychedelic drugs feuding with band members and satisfying his primal urges with any willing party. This raw chaotic existence is a natural blend for the movies. Oliver Stone,, specializing in epic film-making about the 1960's seems a natural as the film-maker. But Stone's vision is too surrealistically excessive and self-indulgent. It's loud, incoherent style is so overwhelming, you're left exhausted, confused and distanced. The redeeming quality of the film lies with the performance of Val Kilmer, who zeroes in on Morrison's private frequency which is intense, narcissistic and spoiled, yet always enormously charismatic.

We are given Morrison's life stripped of his myth, what we wanted was a glimpse of his soul. ⚡⚡⚡

## CLASS ACTION

"This year's Presumed Innocent." Never trust any movie that rides on the coat-tails of another.

"Nothing personal. It's just father vs. daughter in the fight of their lives."

Hardly. Gene Hackman is Jed Ward, a politically responsible lawyer whose self-righteousness sometimes gets in the way.

Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio is his daughter Maggie, an attorney with a high-powered San Francisco law firm. An unlikable yuppie type who can't get past the dollar signs or the promise of junior part-

nership, she is the center of a reverse Oedipal complex left unexplored. Dad represents a class action suit against a big car company. It seems a small design flaw caused certain vehicles to explode on impact, leaving the passengers dead or maimed for life. Darling daughter, of course, represents the auto manufacturer. It is another cliched look at courtroom drama, imparting nothing fresh or inspired. With this one you're better off just renting "Presumed Innocent". ⚡⚡

## L.A. Story

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## Kindergarten Cop

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## Awakenings

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## FREDA

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Smith was born in Pocatello, Idaho on November 22, 1935 to a very religious family. Realizing she was different and seeking others of her sexual orientation, she left Idaho as a young woman, and at age 20 settled in Sacramento to attend California State University Sacramento.

At the time, homosexuality was considered a crime and a

mental illness. Freda's initial belief was a common treatment and isolation was the norm. But Freda Smith knew in her heart that she was a good Christian woman, and she had a calling to serve her God. She was not ill or criminal, just a woman with a vision of what love and life could be. "I remember when I first moved to Sacramento. To socialize with one another we had to go into Yolo County to avoid being caught. That is

why I am not only proud for myself but I'm proud of Sacramento; the city has come so far in recognizing the lesbian and gay community."

Rev. Smith graduated from CSUS with a degree in Psychology. She helped found the Women's Studies Department of the University and has served on the first Women's Studies Board and the Women's Advocate Advisory Board on campus.

Long active in gay rights, Rev. Smith served on the CSUS Gay Studies Board in the early 70s and was chairperson of the California Committee for Sexual Law Reform and moderated the statewide California Conference for Law Reform in 1975.

As Freda worked toward changing the law that made homosexuality illegal in California, she met a man who

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## LETTERS

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community in mind. Aren't you the one who picked and housed the judges for the first Mr. Leather Contest? Was that not the contest that your lover won? Didn't this happen after the SLA had already picked a committee to pick the judges? Did you not propose to have a motorcycle patch to the SLA patch? I thought the purpose of the SLA was to benefit everyone, regardless of their affiliation, with no more importance

shown to any group in the SLA. I certainly question your motives for the SLA. All the above facts can be found in the folder that has been passed down from secretary to secretary. According to the bylaws, all notes had to be approved by the group at the next meeting.

Barl may be glad that Jo is leaving. I don't see where he can say that "it will make everyone's life much smoother." He is in no position to speak for everyone.

Carl McCallum

## COMPUTERS

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friends and he has known people who have found relationships here as well.

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do not have access to the BBS; you must be verified by the system. (By the way, you must be 18 years old or over.) After you have been verified, look out! You can now write to others on the board, talk with other users on line, and read the messages in the many rooms. The rooms are where other members write things about relationships, computer stuff, sex, humor, movies, politics, etc. You can also do something called "make me a match" where the computer matches you with others on the board with whom you might be compatible (at least as friendly).

Once you are on the board, all of the information you need about the other boards is available on that board as well. For more information about Acropolis, you can call Will or Robert at 966-8678. If you would like to meet some of these folks, there will be a BBS picnic (weather permitting) at McKinley Park on Sunday, March 17, starting at 12:00 noon.

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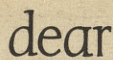
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# Long Term Relationships are on the Edge?!

I advocate all forms of sexual experimentation and exploration, as long as there is mutual consent and safe sex. However, you must listen to

Her brother is getting mar-

It sounds like your lover's family could use some family therapy to help them learn to love each other for who they are, as they are. But since that is unlikely to happen, your lover would benefit from some individual therapy to

I believe that everybody does the best they can. It may take a while for your lover to come to accept herself vis-a-vis her family. You must decide how much this one problem is effecting the whole relationship, and

Be patient and understanding.  
Lots of luck to you both. 



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HELLO





# RUMOR HAS IT

**W**here's Louella? Well, do you want the truth or a polite lie? Louella has decided to focus on her "career and partnership and scale other goals." Best wishes and great thanks for years of dedicated "dishing" Dan. It takes a true talent to put together a journalistic piece of work like Rumor Has It and it will take 29 people to replace you. The column is now the latest ISSUE staff project, so when you see one of us out and about give us your latest and we'll try to include it!

Rev. Freda Smith of the Metropolitan Community Church has once again made our community proud by being the first openly lesbian woman to be recognized by the Sacra-

mento History Museum's Women in History Awards Celebration! Her years of dedication to the gay/lesbian rights and women's movement has made her the perfect selection for the award for "Courage" in the face of opposition. Congratulations Freda!



Freda Smith.

Another "woman" to be recognized during women's history month is Empress Vannah! A full year of court functions, scandals, scuffles and scrambles and she still sits high on her throne with her crown upon her head. (That is an accomplishment in itself!) With the LaCage Awful fundraiser planned for March 17 and the campaign for the new reigning Emperor and Empress beginning that night, she must like punishment. And punishment describes how hard it is not to tell you who is running for the exalted titles. (It is a secret until the evening of the 17th so button our lips!) Well, twist our arms, Rumor has it, a couple will be running for the 5th time for the titles as will a well known Ms. R who wants to start campaigning right away. There is one other contestant that we have seen before on the coronation stage (who hasn't been on that stage?) who is going to try it again. The whole coronation ritual is a fun filled month long party, so watch for special events throughout the month and don't forget to vote on April 13th.

On a more important voting reminder, if you live in the first Senate district (John Dolittle's old stomping ground) it is very important that you get out and vote for a supportive voice for the gay/lesbian rights movement, Patti Mattingly. If she wins the election the demo-

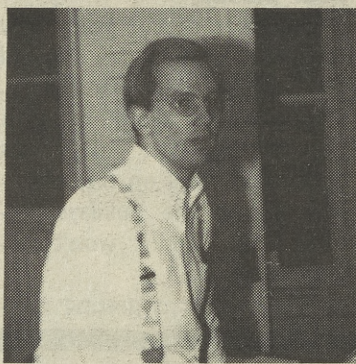
crats will hold a two-thirds majority vote in the State senate, which is enough to over-ride a right wing governor's veto. With AB101 hitting Gov. Wilson's desk this year,



Gov. Pete Wilson.

we may need it. (It's not that we don't trust Petey, it's just he's kind of wishy-washy.) So get out and vote at the special election on March 19!

O.K., I know, too much politics, not enough gossip! Well, sometimes you can find out the best gossip by hanging around with the political people. For example, Alan LoFaso is working on a project



Alan LoFaso.

that will statistically map the gayest areas of the state so when reapportionment kicks in we may have a gay/lesbian district. (He really is looking for the best neighborhoods to jog in his tight spandex pants.)

Speaking of spandex, on March 23 Gabrielle Antolovich will be handing over the title of International Ms. Leather to some amazing leather woman. The spandex look is Gabrielle's trademark and it should be interesting to see who takes over the whip. Good luck to Sacramento's own Jana Courson, Ms. Leather Sacramento.

You know, it's kind of like having a split personality when you have 29 writers collaborating on a column like this one. But here goes. Animal rights activists unite! Boycott the Golden State Gay Rodeo March 22. Rodeos are known for their entertainment for humans at the cost of the animals' health and safety.

Speaking of animals, Everett Denman has moved to San Francisco to be with his new love and rattle the cages of those in power. Be careful Everett targeting those who keep the law can make for a long walk on a short pier.



Everett Denman.

Two women recently took the long walk of marriage at Our Place when they came into the bar, walked up to barkeep Kathy Mammen and asked her to perform the ceremony. Kathy happily obliged and the couple rode off into the sunset. Congratulations!

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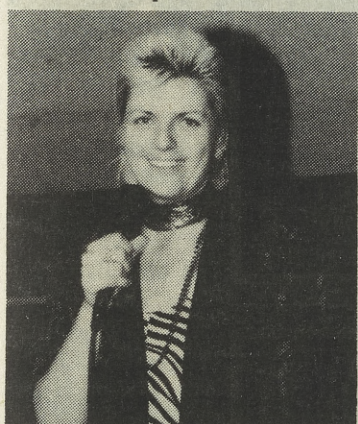


that will nurture your senses, and possibly light that spark to flame for your long time relationship. The store should be open soon and is located at 2230 J Street.

Another business that will be opening - again - is that of **Karen Myers M.F.C.C.**, she moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico and is reopening a part-time office back here in the River City. Now that is one heck of a commute.

Staff writer **Garret Madderra** has been making the commute to San Francisco every weekday for years to finally become a dentist. Only one month to go! You can do it **Garret!**

Another community member taking a step toward career advancement is **Alison Gude**. She just recently took the BAR exam and hopes to become the



Gabrielle Antolovich.

next women's rights attorney in the state. Hopefully, her knowledge of law will assist her in the case against her by **Joseph Farah** - the editor of the **Union Newspaper**. Gude claims that Farah was being physically abusive as he blocked the entrance to an abortion clinic when he grabbed ahold of her arm. Farah allegedly a hopelessly pushy and unreasonable individual - would not unhand Gude and she was forced to defend herself against his brutality. Rumor has it, Gude punched him right in the teeth. Poor guy. **Garret**, maybe Mr. Farah needs a good dentist.

Everyone should know how to defend themselves in case of assault. It is time to "Take Back the Night" for gays and lesbians in our city. **Chris Burns** will be in Sacramento on March 26 to teach a self-defense course to all who would like to attend. A donation of \$5 will go to anti-violence organizations in our city and learning these skills might save your life. The event being held at McKinley Park's, Clunie Hall is being produced by **Randy Gray, Mr. Leather Sacramento**. By the way, **Chris** has been in numerous gay porn films and "saftey" is one of his high points. He is playing it



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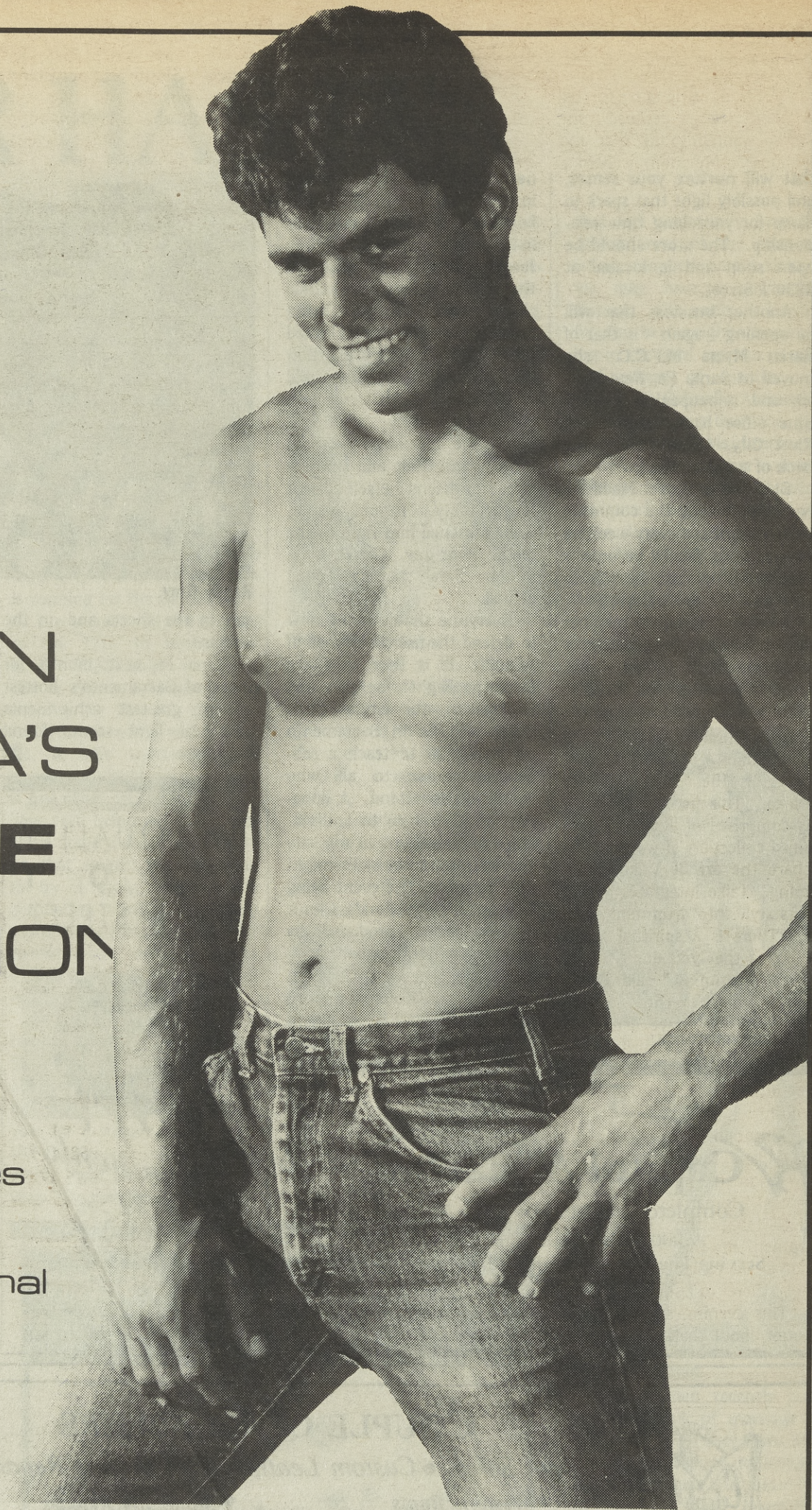
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## COMEDY

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a decision early on to tell lesbian jokes because she never wanted to be rich and famous. "My mom wanted a girl, my dad wanted a boy. Now they're both happy." she went on "I was at the gynecologist the other day, and she asked me how I managed to stay so clean, and I said, I have a woman come in twice a week."

Next up was, Marga Gomez. "I can't believe February is gone already," she began. "It's really a short month isn't it? I think we should pay less rent, don't you?" Her comedy routine was a little less raunchy than that of Ripley, I think she might have been worried about the men in the audience. "I see some men in the audience tonight" she said, "Trying to do the female bonding thing, I see. Tomorrow on Sally Jesse Raphael, I can see it 'Man Meat and Female Bonding'."

Fulfilling the "Rhythm" part of the night was Jo Daiko. This percussion group is comprised of a highly diversified collection of women who share the art of Taiko drumming. Taiko integrates martial arts style into drumming.

"There is a spiritual aspect of taiko that you don't find in other drumming," said Tiffany Tamaribuchi, the groups leader. "When we drum, we bring out all the spiritual and physical energy. It requires a lot of focus, concentration and effort."

Although a male tradition in Japan, Taiko is dominated by women in the United States. Tamaribuchi hypothesized that this is because women in this country are not afraid to let go, put it all out there to show.

This evening surely left no doubt about that.

## FREDA

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was to become a very dear friend, Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church. Perry organized the "March on Sacramento" to draw attention to Assemblyman Willie Brown's Consenting Adults bill and walked to Sacramento from Oakland while on a fast. Upon Perry's arrival, he and Freda -- who had not yet met -- both spoke on the need for gay rights and removal of the oppressive laws.

Smith testified before both Houses of the California Legislature during the hearings on the bill and was instrumental in changing the laws that deemed gay/lesbian love illegal. "You see, the vote was split on the bill and I was asked to speak to the legislators. Well, I went in with the poem 'Dear Dora/Dangerous Derik Diesel Dyke.'" The poem described a woman who only allowed herself to be who she truly was on the weekend and returned to what she was legislated to be during the week. "Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally came up to me after I finished reading, and told me I had changed his mind on the bill." As the bill was being debated late into the evening and supportive legislators were ready and trying to go home, Dymally came in with the tie-breaking vote. And hence, history was made.

After working with Rev. Perry on the passage of the Consenting Adults bill, Smith joined Rev. Troy Perry in making the Metropolitan Community Church one that was inclusive to women. "You

can't have your eyes half open." Slowly and persistently Freda pushed and "We went through the bylaws word by word and included women into the structure of the Church." After the bylaw changes were voted in, Rev. Smith was elected the First Elder of M.C.C. Rev. Smith has been the Senior Pastor of the River City Metropolitan Community Church for 18 years. When asked what drives this courageous woman she responded "I celebrate the tiniest advances the gay community makes; it gives me energy."

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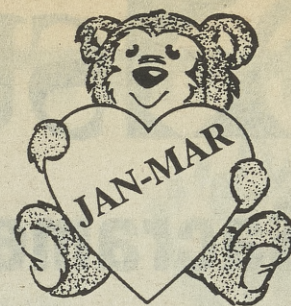
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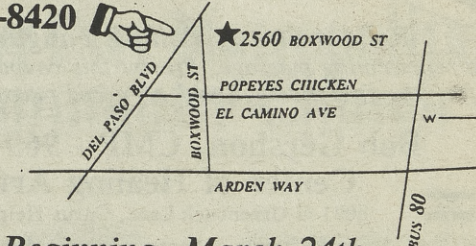


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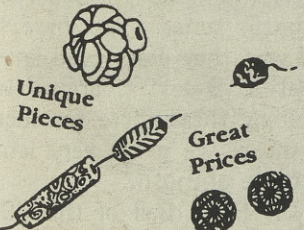
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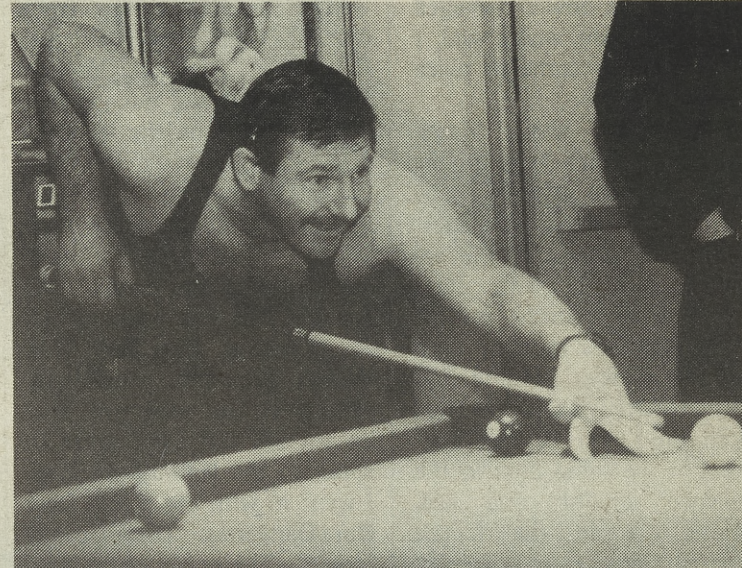
## Sacramento Pool Leagues Cue Up

by Suzie Jones

**R**ack 'em!  
If pool is your game, and you're looking for solid competition and some new friends, check out Sacramento's Gay/Lesbian Pool League.

Anyone who is interested in playing league billiards should attend the general meeting of the Sacramento Gay/Lesbian Pool League, which will be held at Joseph's Town and Country on Tuesday, April 9th at 7 p.m.

The initial meeting is being held to recruit prospective six member teams. Eight to ten teams are expected to enter this "no handicap" league, depen-



The pool league is open to both men and women and now is the time to sign-up if you're ready.

ding on the turnout at the meeting. Our Place, Joseph's, the Townhouse, the Wreck Room, and the Buffalo Club will each be sponsoring teams.

The games will be held on Tuesday nights, beginning April 16th, for approximately 16 weeks. (The season may be extended if more teams are

fielded.) Practice will be scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and games will begin at 7:30. For more information, contact Judy at 962-1349.

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## CDC Draft Report

The CDC draft, based on a hypothetical set of statistics, estimated the risk to patients of HIV-infected dentists somewhere between 1 and 263,000, and 1 in 2.6 million. The risk to patients of HIV-positive doctors was estimated at between 1 in 42,000 and 1 in 417,000. The report concluded that between 13 and 128 patients may have been exposed to the HIV virus by their doctors or dentists.

"The public should not be overly concerned above this highly speculative report," stated Dr. Eugene Brown, president of the California Dental Association. "It is based solely on estimates, projections and theoretical risk," Dr. Brown added. Another vocal opponent, Dr. Ruth Finkelstein, research director of the AIDS Action Council, stated, "I'm here to tell you, they don't even know what A, B and C are; if we multiply these three instances of mush, we get a very large instance of mush."

Dr. David Ball of the CDC admitted that the agency's draft lacked data. "We believe it's important to make a rough estimate...based on the data that are available."



# Volleyball Team Takes First Place



Sacramento's first place winning volleyball team, the Capitals.

By Daryl Rice

**T**he Sacramento Men's Volleyball Team placed first in the "B" division at the Fifth Annual Invitational in San Jose, California, February 16 and 17.

On Saturday, February 16, the Capitals completed the round robin competition with a record of 6-0, placing them in the top seed for Sunday's double elimination matches. Confidence on the team was exhibited by their comeback in two of the matches.

The Capitals soundly defeated the San Jose Casual Six in Sunday's opening match and went on to finish off the South City Bidders with little difficulty in the following round. The next match pitted the number one-ranked Caps against number two, the Denver Budes. The winner of the match would move on to the finals. The Capitals started out slowly but

with tremendous determination, they came back to defeat the Budes. In the semifinals, the Budes defeated the Dayton Bidders from Ohio to qualify for a rematch against the Capitals.

In the opening game of the finals match, the confidence in the Sacramento Capitals was evident as they came back from a six-point deficit to win. The Caps had to win the next game to take the first place trophy. With the teamwork of Bill Mieselson, Ken Brock, Bill Copes, Bob Stahmer, Abe Khan and Daryl Rice, the Sacramento Capitals easily defeated the Denver Budes in the second and final game of the match. The Caps completed the weekend

competition with a record of 14-0.

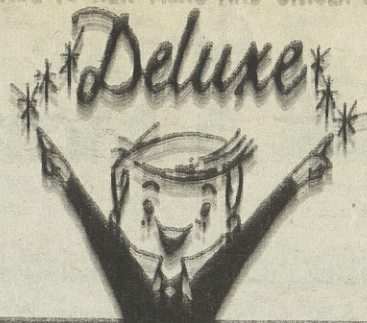
With Sacramento's first championship trophy in hand, they plan to travel to Portland, Oregon in April, and on to the North American Championships to be held in Chicago, Illinois, May 23-26.

If anyone is interested in playing volleyball, the team will be organizing an open gym on Thursday nights, 7-9pm, at Sacramento City College Women's Gym. Call Daryl Rice at 442-4641 for the start date. Cost will be \$2.00. The team is planning to host its own tournament sanctioned by the North American Gay Volleyball Association during Labor Day Weekend, August 31-September 1.

With all of the work necessary to host a successful event (housing 75-125 players, arranging the facilities, organizing an athletes welcome Friday night, and a banquet on Saturday night), the team is requesting all interested people to lend a helping hand. If you have any ideas or helpful hints to start Sacramento's volleyball dynasty, please call Daryl at 442-4641.

This is your team, Sacramento! We are looking forward to representing our community in competitions all over North America. We would also like to help organize a women's team. Please call us with your ideas and energy. Now is the time to prepare for Gay Games IV, Unity in '94, New York City. Let's take a bite out of the "Big Apple!"

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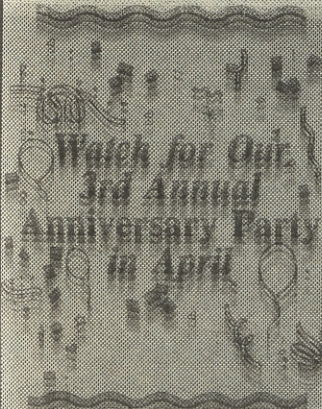


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door and said someone was being beaten up in the back parking lot," said Lakos. Lakos immediately responded by running out to the corner and looking down 20th Street in time to see "...a guy and a girl chasing Vinnie across the

Street. I ran after them to the dark lot and rounded the corner and saw Vinnie take two or three steps and fall face down on the ground." Lakos approached Blades and then realized "...the two people and now a third person were standing off to the right in the shadows." A second respondent arrived on the scene

at the same time and the three attackers "fled across the railroad tracks," stated Lakos.

While accounts of the crime have been contradictory and details scarce, the police department declined to release specific statements about the case, pending the suspects' arraignment. Donald Algers was not available for comment.

Regardless of the specifics of the alleged attack, the gay community was outraged at the latest in an escalating string of hate crimes, and at once began to regroup and carefully map out the next move.

Rev. Jerry Sloan wasted no time in announcing that a memorial service would be held for the victim the Sunday following the murder. Rev. Freda Smith, pastor of the River City Metropolitan Community Church, Sacramento, opened the service at 4 P.M. at MCC to approximately 200 friends and mourners who filled the church to capacity. "There are times when human integrity and human dignity

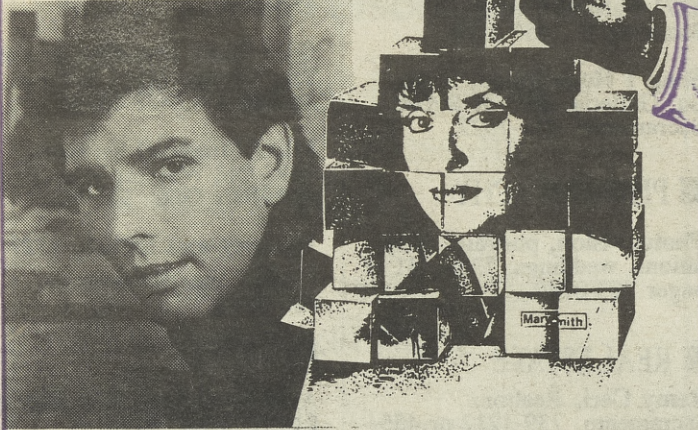
must call out for an end to institutionalized hate, bigotry, and violence...can we join together as people as a common humanity, a common dignity, a common cry for justice?...is it time, Sacramento, to say enough?" Smith pleaded.

The event was also attended by Mayor Anne Rudin and City Councilwoman Heather Fargo. Both women

had compassionate and sympathetic words for the group and harsh criticism for the perpetrators. "This crime is a crime against our entire city...this type of violence against a certain group of citizens will not be tolerated..." said Mayor Rudin. She added, "We need to change peoples' attitudes...this hatred cannot go on."

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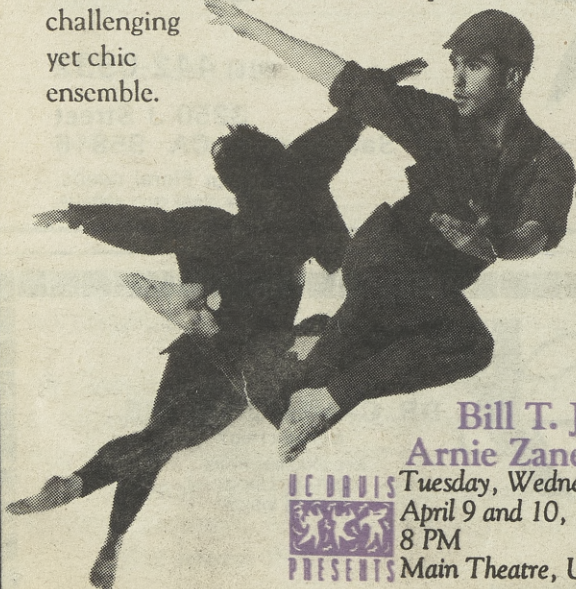
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was among the first speakers opposing the bill and attempted to win sympathy from the Committee, "You want to hear about discrimination? I can't rent a hotel room in this town anymore, because the hotels have to call in riot police."

"They should not receive protection. It is a behavior based lifestyle that is not protected in the U.S. Constitution."

Committee member Sally Tanner, (D-El Monte) then responded, "Hopefully, that will change, too."

In a "divide and conquer" strategy, Sheldon is believed to have recruited the sizable contingent of black audience members, many of whom spoke to the issue of selective discrimination. A number of black speakers prefaced their remarks with "I'm against discrimination, but..."

A black minister spoke for many of the bill's opponents by stating that he felt gays and lesbians have a choice, and because they have a choice, and can "pass," they should not be given additional, "special" protections.

"You can look at me and know I'm black. But there are homosexuals in this room that I can't tell are homosexuals, so how can we discriminate against them? And these people who chose a sexual preference shouldn't be piggybacking upon

our efforts to end discrimination."

Other speakers introduced arguments relating to role models for youth and the myth of gay recruitment. One individual vehemently urged the Committee to vote "no" on the bill, saying, "We can't allow these people to flaunt their lifestyles where there are children present. We don't want them as role models. Better to be a habitual drunk driver than a homosexual."

Members of the Committee, including Acting Chair Curtis Tucker (D-Inglewood), Johan Klehs (D-San Leandro) and Marguerite Archie-Hudson (D-Los Angeles) attempted to reason with many of the rambling witnesses, including freshman Assemblymember David Knowles (R-El Dorado) who attempted to usurp control of the proceedings, and was given a mild reprimand by Klehs. "You're new, and when other legislators enter a hearing, they take a seat on the panel and they wait for their turn, and speak into the mike. That's how we do things here."

Tucker, Friedman, Archie-Hudson, Klehs were joined by Barbara Lee (D-Oakland) and Tanner in voting "yes."

Three dissenting votes were cast by Republicans: David Kelley (R-Palm Springs), Tim Leslie (R-Sacramento) and Tom McClintock (R-Thousand Oaks), who entered his "no" vote retroactively.

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